

Monthly Update

WSDOT Aviation



December 2002

Online Registration On the Way

Beginning January 2003, WSDOT Aviation will offer online registration to Washington pilots, mechanics and aircraft owners. Under this new system, pilots will be able to pay registration fees with a credit card. In addition, new services will be added as they become available and could include such things as:

email alerts, weather camera information, runway reports, online publications (including the Pilot's Guide), and more! If you are a pilot, mechanic and/or aircraft owner, **be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity coming in January.**

Credit cards that will be accepted include VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. WSDOT Aviation will continue to accept mail-in and walk-in registrations.



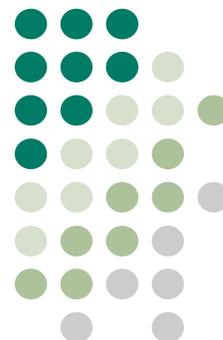
Airport Security

The second meeting of the WSDOT Aviation-sponsored Security Task Force was held on November 5 at the FAA Regional Offices. The Task Force was formed to develop best security practices for general aviation airports in Washington. The members were presented with the first draft of recommended security guidelines and received comments from the FAA, TSA, and WPA. The next step will be to develop an implementation plan that could be supported by airport aid for small airports and that would be introduced at the same time statewide. We plan to brief the Commission on our guidelines and strategy in January 2003.

AOPA Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association is also developing a national Airport Watch Program to be introduced the first of the year to encourage pro-active behavior to keep general aviation airports safe.

Emphasis on State-Operated Airports Creates New Maintenance Supervisor Position

WSDOT Aviation has set a goal to improve and develop the 16 state-operated airports. To help achieve this goal, Aviation has hired Jim Scott as its new State Airports Maintenance Supervisor implementing a process to standardize the airports. In the next few months, Jim will be



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traveling around the state meeting with airport managers, volunteer groups and pilot organizations to gather information and discuss plans for airport improvements. Jim has been a pilot for the past 29 years, and has worked as a licensed aircraft mechanic in general, corporate and aerospace aviation for the past 25 years. For the last 12 years, he has also served as the manager of the NWEAA Fly-In in Arlington, the third largest EAA event in the country.

Educational Clinics Continue to be a Priority

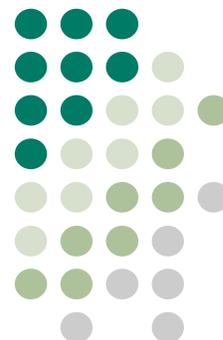
New Class on Pilot Safety Offered

WSDOT Aviation will be offering a new **Pilot Safety Skills Refresher Course** that will be held on Saturday, February 1 in Moses Lake. This course is designed to help pilots improved their skills when operating primarily at rural airfields. In conjunction with the class, the FAA will be holding a session on February 2 that will be part of its Wings Program.

The next **Certificated Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic** will be held on January 11 and 12 in Tacoma at the King Oscar Motel and Convention Center, 8820 S. Hosmer, Tacoma 98444, (888) 254-5464 or (253) 539-1153. Through the use of dynamic interactive Internet presentations and computer graphics, instructors Bob Clarke and Harry LaForge will provide tools to help pilots renew flight instructor certificates, fly more safely, and update flying techniques. Certificates expiring in January, February, March and April 2003 may be renewed and a new temporary certificate will be issued at the clinic with no change in expiration date.

Two **IA Mechanics Clinics** have also been scheduled for Saturday, March 15 in Spokane and Saturday, March 22 in Tacoma. The clinics are detailed examinations of the FARS pertaining to aircraft maintenance.

You can register for the January CFI Clinic, the February Pilot Safety-Skills Refresher Course and the March IA Mechanics Clinics by calling WSDOT Aviation offices: (360) 651-6300 or 1(800) 552-0666 (in Washington only) or you can go to the WSDOT Aviation web site and register on line. www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation.



Upcoming Events

December

Christmas @ The Museum

December 8

Pearson Air Museum

(360) 694-7026

SAR Orientation Course

December 7-8

WSDOT Aviation Offices

Arlington

(800) 552-0666

Museum of Flight

December

Family Fun Workshops

Special Events

www.museumofflight.org

January

CFI Refresher Clinic

January 11-12

King Oscar Motel and

Convention Center

Tacoma

(800) 552-0666

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Airport Aid News

The Airport Aid Grant Program Advisory Task Force held its final meeting in Ellensburg in November. The Task Force members came to consensus agreement on the final set of recommendations concerning the state's Airport Aid Grant program. The report will be given to the member's for a final review and comment prior to forwarding to John Sibold, Director of Aviation.

Several more requests from airport sponsors regarding the Non-Primary Entitlement Grant Program have been received by WSDOT Aviation. Additional interest has now come from Odessa, Wilbur, Oroville, Toledo, Electric City, Camas, Ritzville, Davenport, Hoquiam, lone, and Colfax. WSDOT Aviation will be working closely with each of these airports to take fullest advantage of this important source of federal dollars to preserve Washington airport infrastructure.

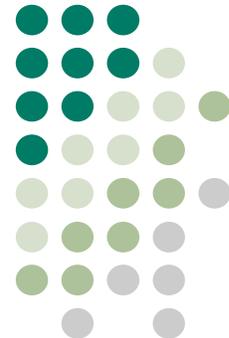
Aid Grant Survey Now In Progress

WSDOT's Grant Aid survey to determine the effectiveness and overall satisfaction with the department's aid grant program process is now in progress for WSDOT Aviation. Email requests are being sent to all airport sponsors and managers who have shown interest or participated in airport aid grants through WSDOT Aviation to go to the web site and fill out the survey. In addition, WSDOT Aviation will be sending out a survey to its customers in the early part of 2003 regarding the services and programs offered by Aviation.

Other Airport News

An annual Maintenance and Operations plan for the Sullivan Lake State Airport was prepared and submitted the U.S. Forest Service for review and approval. This is the first M&O Plan that has been prepared for the airport and will serve to resolve several long-standing issues with our pilots and the Forest Service.

Responded to a request for runway light fixtures for the Swanson Field Airport in Eatonville. Vandals had destroyed two runway lights and the airport manager called for information on who to contact or how to go about replacing them. Fortunately, WSDOT Aviation had what the manager was looking for in our inventory.



**More pilots are
registering with the
state in 2002.**

November 2002

Pilots Registration	575
2002 YTD	7190

November 2001

Pilots Registration	600
2001 YTD	6510

Other Airport News (con't)

The newly constructed heliport for the Kittitas County Fire District Number 3 in Easton was recently inspected. WSDOT Aviation had given the Fire District \$22,600 for paving, perimeter lighting, and a lighted windsock.

It appears that State and the Forest Service have reached an initial agreement that will allow the permanent installation of picnic tables and fire rings at Sullivan Lake Airport. This will make pilots who enjoy camping at this facility throughout the summer very happy.

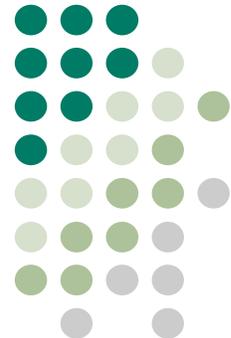
Aviation Land Use Compatibility

Currently 72 airports are protected by policy language. Twenty-one counties and 34 cities are in the process or have adopted some policy language or regulations that protect critical airspace or address land use compatibility adjacent to airports. Program Currently

Search and Rescue News

CAP and Aviation Work Together for the Success of Search and Rescue Program.

On Saturday, November 9 the Washington Civil Air Patrol held its annual Planning Conference at McChord AFB. John Sibold, WSDOT Aviation Director spoke at the conference about the future of general aviation security and the guidelines being developed by WSDOT Aviation. In addition, Karl Moore, WSDOT Aviation Search and Rescue Coordinator worked with the CAP coordinating next year's SAR training during the conference. This is the third year that WSDOT Aviation and the CAP have work in a unified effort to ensure the success of the Search and Rescue program. There are several upcoming opportunities for WSDOT Aviation to work more closely with the CAP on aviation education and airport security using their untapped resources.



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First Helicopter Emergency Response Conference Held

The first annual Puget Sound Region Helicopter Emergency Response Conference was held in Seattle in November and WSDOT Aviation attended and briefed SARDA. Attendees included the Coast Guard, Navy, Army, National Guard, FAA, Augusta Corp, CJ Systems, and the host Airlift Northwest. Along with the formal SARDA briefing, the conference included discussions on all aspects of Emergency Helicopter operations in the Northwest.

OV10D Bronco Sent to Florida

The WSDOT Aviation's OV10D Bronco has been dismantled, crated and shipped to the State Department in Florida. It took 10 days and a lot of hard teamwork. Three technicians from DynCorp took the plane apart; four men from Crate Tech built the boxes and assembled them, and Old Dominion Trucking shipped the plane. We also rented a crane from Western Cranes, rented forklifts from Nelson Trucking, and had the plane de-fueled by Gavin's. On Thursday, November 14 the DynCorp team flew home and the OV10D was trucked off from Boeing Field. The decision to return the airplane was based on a reevaluation of the need for the airplane and the increasing cost of maintaining aircraft. Special thanks for the support from WS-GA and GSA. Thanks guys!



Above: Dismantling the OV10 Bronco



Left: Loading the airplane into the crates.

Seaplanes Concerns Discussed

Washington Seaplane Association recently met with WSDOT Aviation Director John Sibold to discuss services that could be provided to help maintain the seaplane system. WSDOT Aviation is seeking the organization's help in identifying issues and needs for airport aid to improve and enhance public seaplane facilities around the state.

Public ports will also be asked to identify projects in their marina facilities where seaplanes facilities could enhance the transportation system. In addition, WSDOT Aviation has asked for the Seaplane Association's assistance in updating the Seaplane Guide for inclusion in the Washington State Airports Guide.

